

original construction and subsequent repairs. Nor were they mistaken in their estimate of its usefulness. Even now, as contrasted with more modern improvements, it continues still to be regarded as the most direct, easiest and best existing route between the Atlantic borders and the great west and south west. The travelling upon it in public stages alone, will, during the present year of 1836, amount to more than 20,000 persons, double the number that passed over it in similar conveyances in the past year of 1835, a fact itself establishing the correctness of the opinion expressed.

To Maryland the work is an object of peculiar importance and solicitude, connecting as it does immediately with the Baltimore and Ohio rail road, and through it with the metropolis of the state, being withal, an avenue upon which the principal trade of that enterprising city with the west is accommodated, it commends itself with strong claims to the fostering care of the state.

Respectfully submitted.

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